GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DEATH OF CHEETALS
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of death of many Cheetals in Keoladeo National Park has come to light ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a high level enquiry in this regard ;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the remedial measures taken/being taken to check such deaths of wild animals in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Government of Rajasthan has reported the death of 56 cheetals in Keoladeo National Park in the month of July 2005. A total of 157 cheetals escaped from Keoladeo National Park due to flood situation out of which 101 animals were rescued and transported back to Keoladeo National Park. 56 cheetals died due to shock and dog bites.

(c)&(d) An enquiry in this matter was conducted by Forest Department, Rajasthan and report already submitted in August 2005.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Cheetal population in Keoladeo National Park has increased enormously in the last three years due to favourable conditions. Government of India has released Rs.20.00 lakhs for construction as well as raising the wall around Keoladeo National Park under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes `Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries` so that the cheals do not escape out of the Park.